

NOTICE

Black Bears have been active in the area of Spinning Wheel Court, Aldie

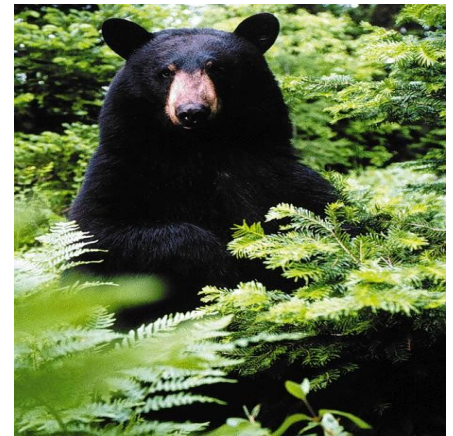
The presence of black bear in a residential area does not necessarily represent a problem. Conflicts between humans and bears are most often created by people. Bears are opportunistic foragers that are often attracted to residential areas by food odors.

To Deter these Bears and others, please follow the following Recommendations:

- Clean barbeque grills and store them in a secure building after use.
- Take garbage to the curb the morning of pickup.
- Store garbage cans in sturdy building.
- Feed pets inside and store pet food securely.
- Do not store food of any kind outside or on a screened porch, even in a refrigerator or freezer.
- Do not feed the birds. Best to remove bird feeders.

If you encounter a bear:

- Remain calm and do not run.
- Do not approach the bear and give it plenty of space to retreat.
- Make your presence known by making noise, then back away slowly.
- If the bear will not leave, move to your house, car, or a building until the bear leaves on its own.



Reporting Bear Encounters : If you are experiencing nuisance problems or property damage please contact Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries at **540-899-4169**

If a bear is threatening the safety of humans, pets or livestock contact Loudoun County Animal Control at 703-777-0406 or the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office at 703-777-0445.

For more information visit www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/